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## **Mixed Reviews for Missouri Politicians**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – The approval ratings of Missouri’s Senators have gone in opposite directions over the last four months as debate over the health care bill has heated up.

Kit Bond now has the support of 44% of Missouri voters to 35% who disapprove of him and 21% with no opinion. That’s up slightly from a 41/34 spread back in November. 68% of Republicans, 47% of independents, and 17% of Democrats give him good marks as he heads into retirement.

Claire McCaskill’s seen a downward trend in her numbers and now has a 38% approval rating while a 51% majority of voters in the state disapprove of her. There’s very little difference right now between how voters feel about the health care bill and how they feel about McCaskill. 85% of Republicans give her poor marks and only 3% say they like what she’s doing. She’s under water by a 54/33 margin with independents as well.

Jim Talent, who may seek a rematch with McCaskill after being defeated by her for reelection in 2006, is viewed favorably by 38% of the state’s voters while 32% see him unfavorably. In a reminder that voters forget politicians quickly 30% have no opinion about him.

There’s a high degree of ambivalence toward Jay Nixon’s performance as Governor but he continues to be the rare big state Governor with an approval rating in positive territory. 37% of voters like how he’s doing, 29% don’t, and 34% have no opinion.

Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder, seen as a likely 2012 Nixon foe, is a blank slate to 59% of voters with 22% seeing him favorably and 18% unfavorably.

PPP surveyed 495 Missouri voters on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.4%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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## Missouri Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Jay Nixon's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 37%  
*Disapprove*..... 29%  
*Not Sure*..... 34%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Kit Bond's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 44%  
*Disapprove*..... 35%  
*Not Sure*..... 22%

**Q3** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Claire McCaskill's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 38%  
*Disapprove*..... 51%  
*Not Sure*..... 11%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Peter Kinder? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 22%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 18%  
*Not Sure*..... 59%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jim Talent? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 38%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 32%  
*Not Sure*..... 30%

**Q6** Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

*McCain*..... 50%  
*Obama* ..... 42%  
*Someone Else/Don't Remember*..... 8%

**Q7** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

*Liberal*..... 15%  
*Moderate*..... 41%  
*Conservative*..... 44%

**Q8** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 52%  
*Man*..... 48%

**Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 36%  
*Republican*..... 35%  
*Independent/Other*..... 29%

**Q10** If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 85%  
*African-American* ..... 10%  
*Other*..... 5%





**Q11** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29.....	10%
30 to 45.....	26%
46 to 65.....	44%
Older than 65.....	20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Nixon Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	37%	21%	55%	44%
<b>Disapprove</b>	29%	36%	20%	26%
<b>Not Sure</b>	34%	42%	26%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Bond Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	44%	65%	21%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	35%	18%	53%	41%
<b>Not Sure</b>	22%	17%	26%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>McCaskill Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	38%	5%	80%	28%
<b>Disapprove</b>	51%	85%	12%	40%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	10%	8%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Kinder Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	38%	8%	1%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	5%	33%	26%
<b>Not Sure</b>	59%	58%	59%	72%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		Someone Else/Don't Remember
		McCain	Obama	
<b>Talent Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	38%	59%	14%	28%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32%	10%	58%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	30%	31%	28%	36%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Nixon Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	37%	49%	51%	20%
<b>Disapprove</b>	29%	23%	23%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	34%	27%	27%	44%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Bond Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	44%	18%	35%	60%
<b>Disapprove</b>	35%	66%	40%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	22%	16%	25%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>McCaskill Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	38%	81%	55%	7%
<b>Disapprove</b>	51%	16%	33%	79%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	4%	11%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Kinder Favorability</b>				
Favorable	22%	8%	16%	33%
Unfavorable	18%	41%	22%	8%
Not Sure	59%	51%	62%	59%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Talent Favorability</b>				
Favorable	38%	12%	29%	54%
Unfavorable	32%	69%	39%	13%
Not Sure	30%	19%	32%	32%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Nixon Approval</b>			
Approve	37%	34%	41%
Disapprove	29%	24%	33%
Not Sure	34%	42%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bond Approval</b>			
Approve	44%	43%	44%
Disapprove	35%	31%	39%
Not Sure	22%	26%	17%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>McCaskill Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	38%	38%	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	51%	48%	55%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	14%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kinder Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	19%	26%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	15%	22%
<b>Not Sure</b>	59%	66%	52%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Talent Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	38%	36%	39%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32%	28%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	30%	36%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Nixon Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	37%	53%	19%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	29%	20%	41%	24%
<b>Not Sure</b>	34%	27%	40%	36%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bond Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	44%	17%	68%	47%
<b>Disapprove</b>	35%	56%	12%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	22%	27%	20%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>McCaskill Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	38%	75%	3%	33%
<b>Disapprove</b>	51%	15%	85%	54%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	9%	12%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Kinder Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	9%	36%	22%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	31%	7%	17%
<b>Not Sure</b>	59%	60%	57%	61%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Talent Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	38%	14%	58%	41%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32%	54%	12%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	30%	32%	30%	29%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Nixon Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	37%	38%	43%	14%
<b>Disapprove</b>	29%	27%	30%	54%
<b>Not Sure</b>	34%	35%	27%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Bond Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	44%	46%	26%	41%
<b>Disapprove</b>	35%	33%	42%	41%
<b>Not Sure</b>	22%	21%	32%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>McCaskill Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	38%	34%	73%	34%
<b>Disapprove</b>	51%	55%	17%	50%
<b>Not Sure</b>	11%	11%	11%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Kinder Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	23%	13%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	16%	33%	26%
<b>Not Sure</b>	59%	60%	54%	50%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Talent Favorability</b>				
Favorable	38%	39%	19%	40%
Unfavorable	32%	30%	44%	39%
Not Sure	30%	30%	37%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Nixon Approval</b>					
Approve	37%	42%	35%	35%	41%
Disapprove	29%	21%	38%	29%	19%
Not Sure	34%	37%	27%	35%	40%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bond Approval</b>					
Approve	44%	37%	37%	48%	46%
Disapprove	35%	42%	40%	32%	30%
Not Sure	22%	21%	23%	19%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>McCaskill Approval</b>					
Approve	38%	44%	35%	38%	38%
Disapprove	51%	39%	53%	54%	48%
Not Sure	11%	17%	12%	8%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Kinder Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	11%	22%	27%	19%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	32%	20%	16%	16%
<b>Not Sure</b>	59%	58%	58%	58%	65%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Talent Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	38%	21%	43%	38%	37%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	32%	37%	32%	32%	29%
<b>Not Sure</b>	30%	42%	25%	29%	34%

